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There will always be a defining moment in any sportsmans career. Be it Mike Tyson knocking out defending Heavyweight champion of the world Trevor Berbick to start one of the most savage and destructive eras of heavyweight boxing. Or the fall from grace of cycling legend Lance Armstrong, the multiple Tour de France

winning being busted for illegal substance and stripped of his titles. How about the incredible run by Swizz tennis player Roger Federer, winning more grand slams than any man before him, or golfing great Tiger Woods looking likely to become the greatest golfer of all time be-

fore being found out in the car park with a lady of the night. There are hundreds and hundreds of tales to tell of a sportsman's rise or fall from grace.

In 2015 two of the greatest motocross riders of all time will go head to head in what is without doubt the most exciting season of motocross in decades, maybe ever. Eight times FIM motocross world champion Antonio Cairoli will try and defend his MXGP title against nine times AMA supercross and motocross champion Ryan Villopoto. It doesn't get any bigger than this and we decided to ask a few peo-

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CAIROLI AND VILLOPOTO

Between them they hold the majority of the major titles won in both America and Europe in the last decade. Two legends who know how to win better than any of their rivals.

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Only three men have been able to beat Antonio Cairoli in world championship battle since the little Italian arrived on the GP scene back in 2004. New Zealand's Ben Townley caught the rookie off guard in 2004, Frenchman Christophe Pourcel did it in 2006 and South African Tyla Rattray did it in 2008.

These three men all headed off to America pretty soon after winning their motocross world championships, but Cairoli stays in Europe, racked up eight MX2/MX2/MXGP titles and goes into the 2015 season looking to climb a little closer to the record of 10 world titles held by Stefan Everts. While Townley, Pourcel and Rattray never really added to their motocross success stories, due to injuries and bad luck, the Italian legend grew as a riders to become possibly the greatest GP rider of all time.

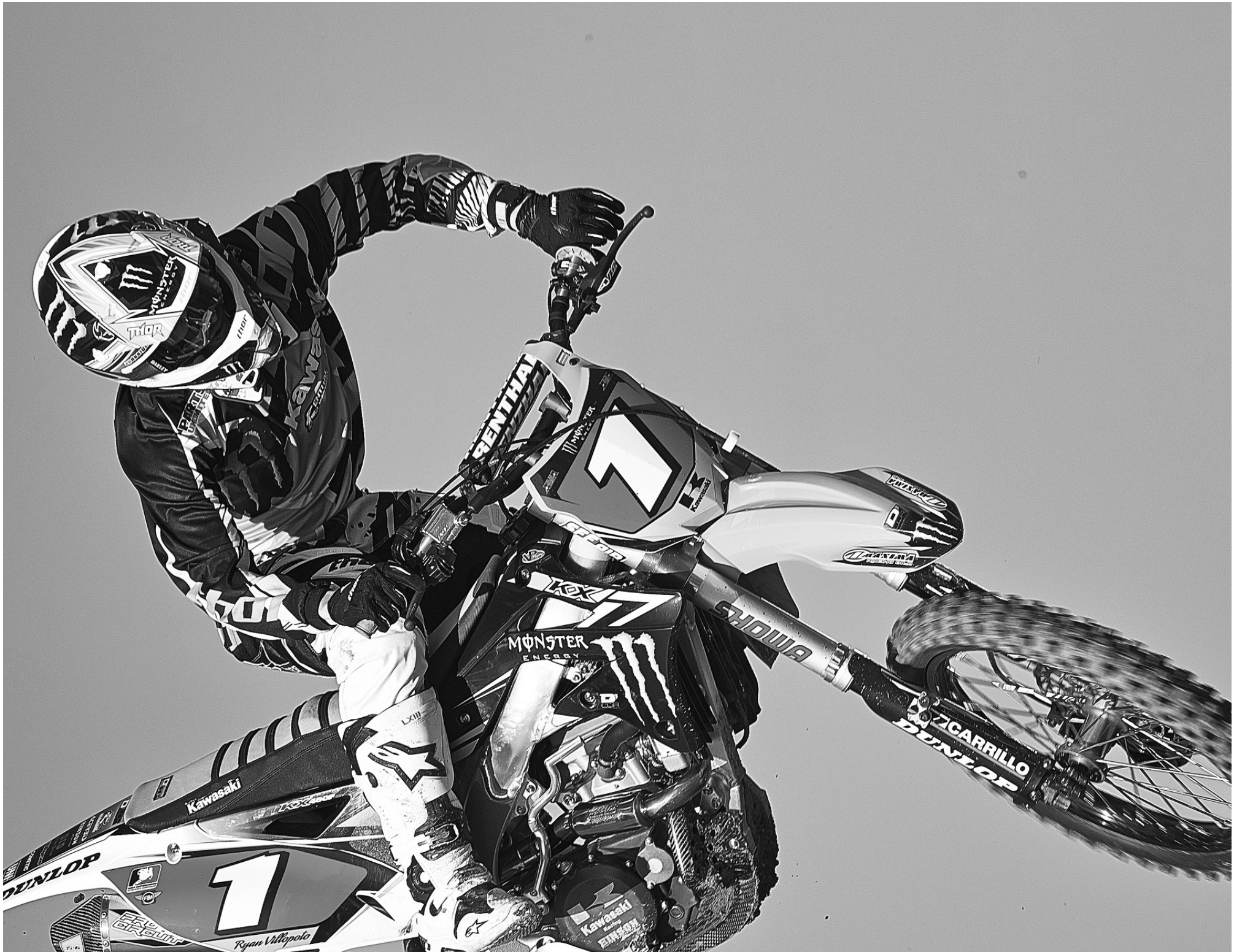
Standing in his way in 2015 will be American legend Ryan Villopoto. Like Cairoli the Monster Energy Kawasaki rider has his own long list of success. Nine AMA MX and SX titles, and he is known as the

fastest man on the planet by many. So what do the men who beat Cairloli think of the whole Cairoli versus Villopoto and more importantly what do Cairoli and Villopoto think themselves.

Antonio Cairoli: I think it is amazing to have the best rider from USA last year to come and ride the world championship. It is the main races from the world, that is clear, we race all over the world and not just USA. Him coming will bring more interest to the sport and more viewers. It's a new challenge to have him in the world championship and to race against him it's nice, his fans and my fans.

Ryan Villopoto: It's probably be like a mini Motocross of Nations every week and that will be a cool experience and I am looking forward to checking that out. To be honest, he (Antonio Cairoli) is just another top guy on the track. It will be interesting, and I think he will catch me out in places and I will catch him out in some palces. As far as racing Cairoli, I might as well be racing Dungey or Stewart, you know. It doesn't really matter to me.It's obviously going to be different, but for me I am just going to enjoy this last season, that's my main goal and to try something new. I am going to have to learn really quick, because racing Antonio and everyone else, I mean you have to draw his name out because he has won so much. I mean it's going to be a quick learning curve, but it doesn't have anything to do with the tracks at all, that won't be a problem for me.

Ben Townley: I was excited for the sport; to have an American great go to Europe is a great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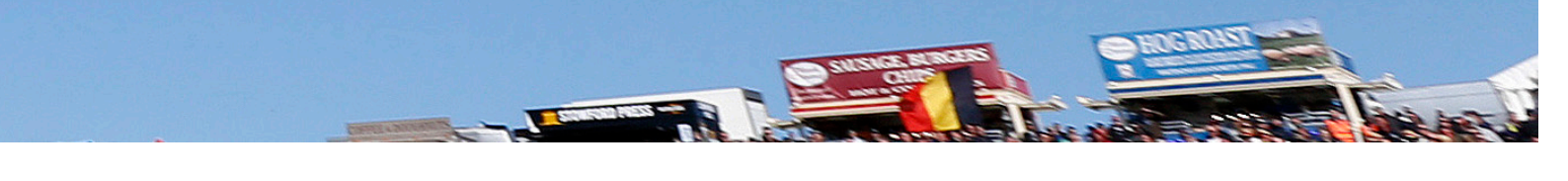
thing for the sport as a whole. We've seen rider after rider go to the USA from Europe, but hardly any riders with RV's credentials go the other way. It has already lifted the buzz and we are five months away still from the first round. I personally think it's a good decision for him. He looked burned out at the end of Supercross and (talk of) retirement was thrown around and I'm sure, financially, he is going to do well out of it for doing 2/3 the amount of events compared to the US! He doesn't have anything left to prove if you ask me.

Christophe Pourcel: The circuits are very different and I think if you want to be world champion you need two seasons to get used to them. To learn the circuits so quickly isn't easy and not possible in one season. I learnt that in 2012.

Tyla Rattray: Having him coming here is just awesome. I think it will be a big help for him having me around. I mean he doesn't know the tracks or other stuff. Training wise he is ok, but it's nice to train with younger guys and we are similar with mountain biking and the gym work and it will be cool to be training together. Gives a big motivation for me because riding with him I will always be chasing and learning from him. He is known as the best rider in the World and I should be able to improve my speed. I mean I want to close the gap down. It's big for the MXGP series and racing the World championship.



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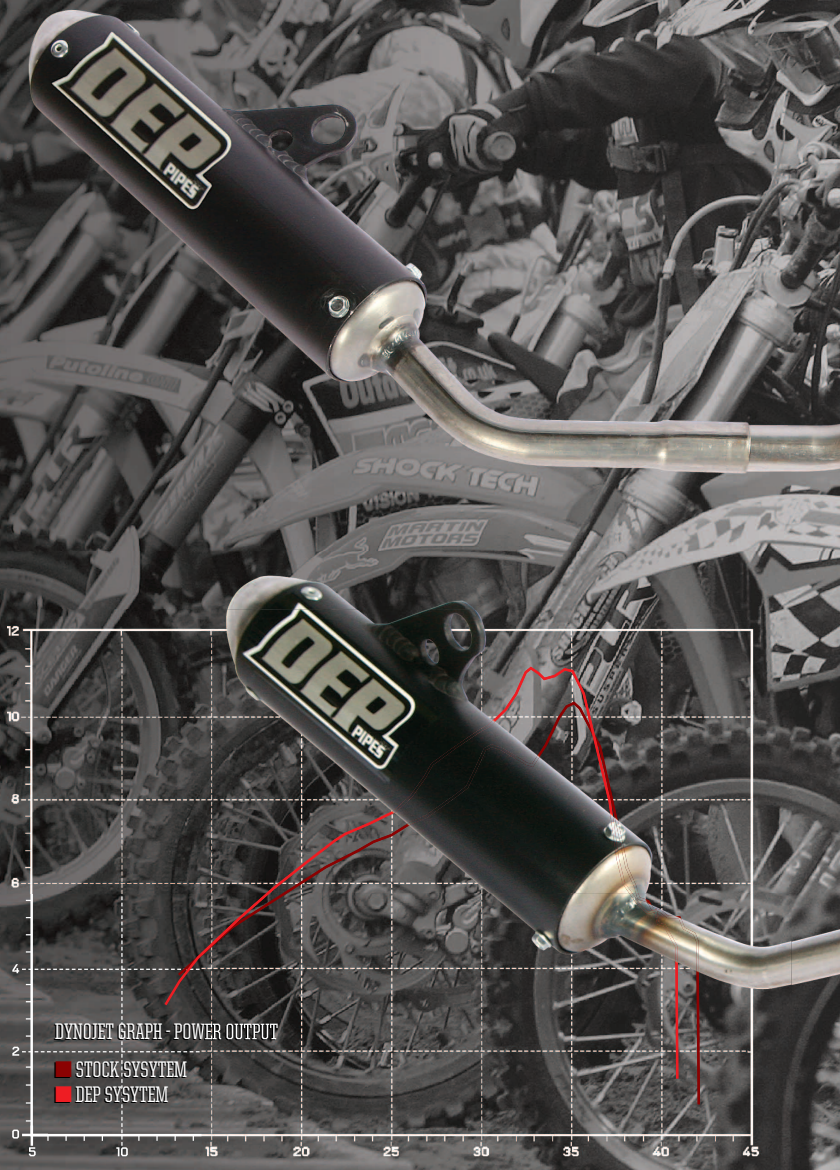

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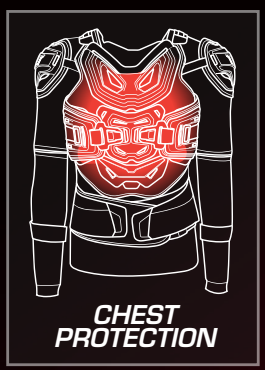

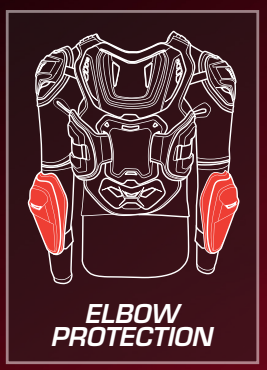

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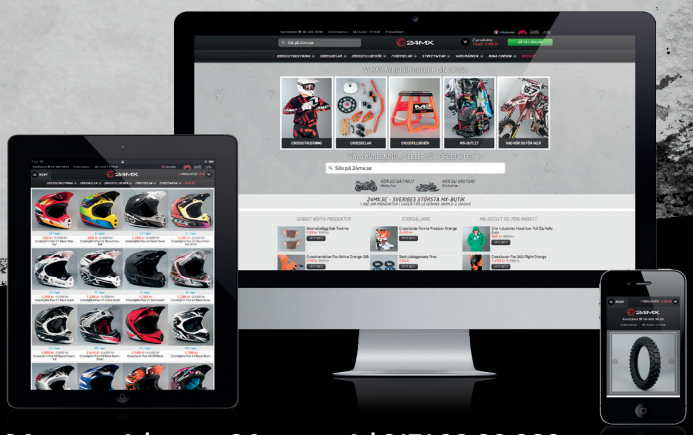

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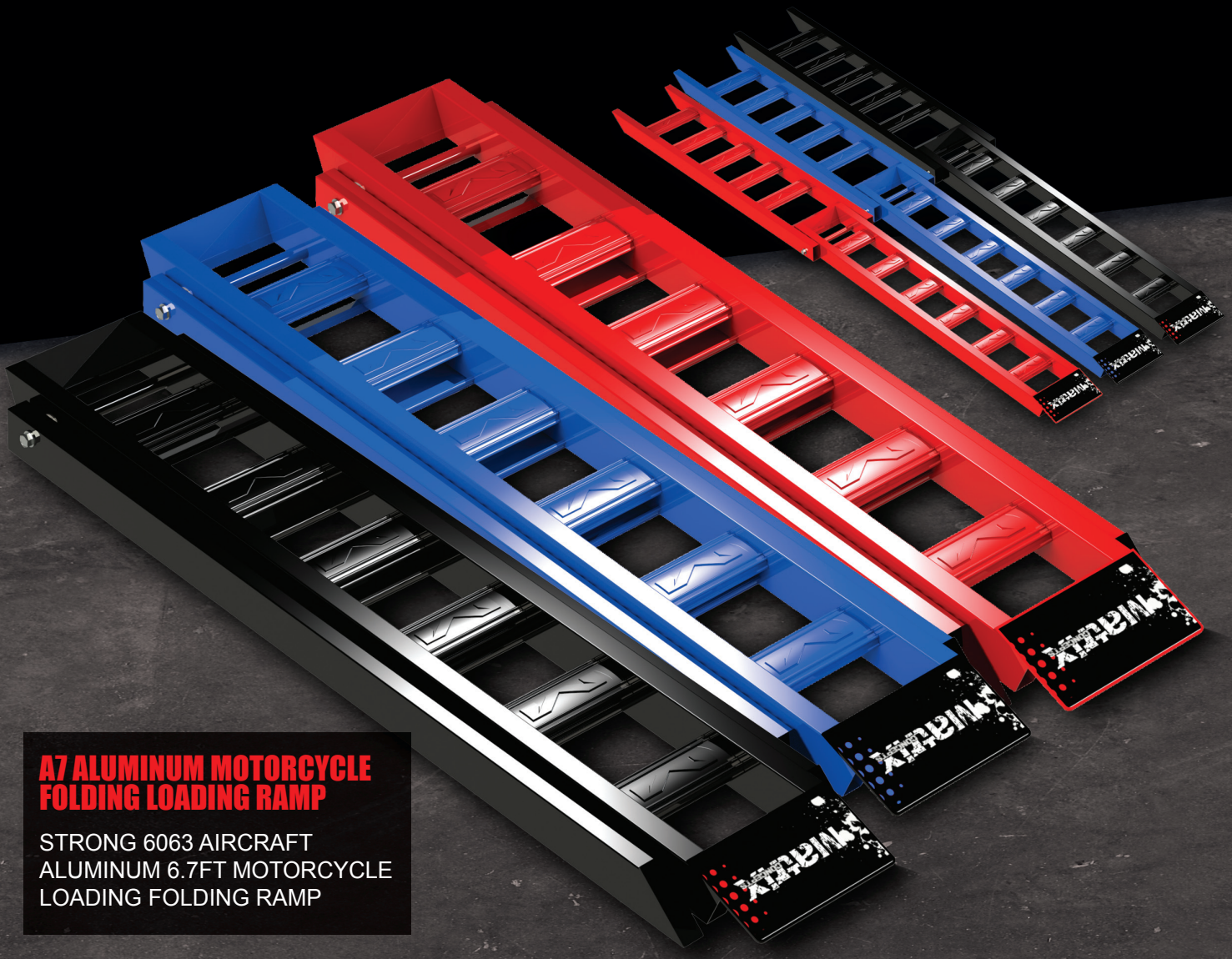

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Nickname: RV2
Hometown: Poulsbo, WA
Weight: 155
Hair Color: Red
Eye Color: Hazel
Hobbies/Interest: Fishing, hunting, motorcycle, mountain biking and etc.
Heroes: People in life that do what they love and live everyday to the fullest.
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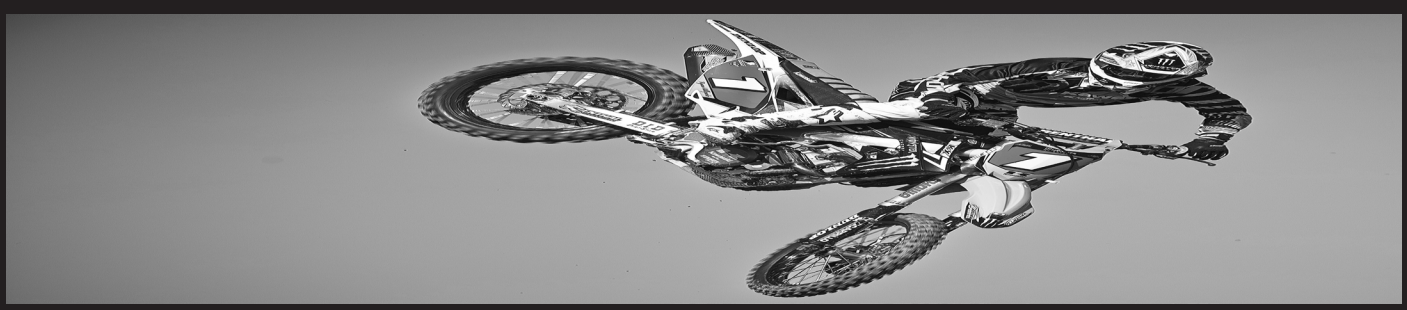

ANTONIO CAIROLI - HIS CAREER

Antonio (Tony) Cairoli was born September 23, 1985 in Patti, Italy and in 2015 goes into the season aiming for his ninth world championship title. Already a recognized champion, Cairoli joined the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing Team at the beginning of the 2010 season, bringing with him his long-time manager Claudio De Carli. He began his MX Grand Prix career in 2002 and won the MX2 title in 2005 and 2007. Cairoli set the bar a little higher taking the MX1 title in 2009 and reclaimed it in 2010, 2011 and again in 2012. He had a golden season in 2012 taking eleven victories, was second on one occasion and as twice third and went on in 2013 to take his seventh world championship title with another outstanding display of riding, tactics and consistency. Then added title number eight in 2014. Now for his biggest challenge ever in 2015

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Birth information: 23/09/1985
First GP raced: 2002, GP of Belgium, 125cc
Team: Red Bull KTM Factory Racing

World Titles	8 (1 MXGP, 5 MX1, 2 MX2)
First World Title	2005, MX2
GP wins	72 (9 in MXGP; 39 in MX1; 24 in MX2)
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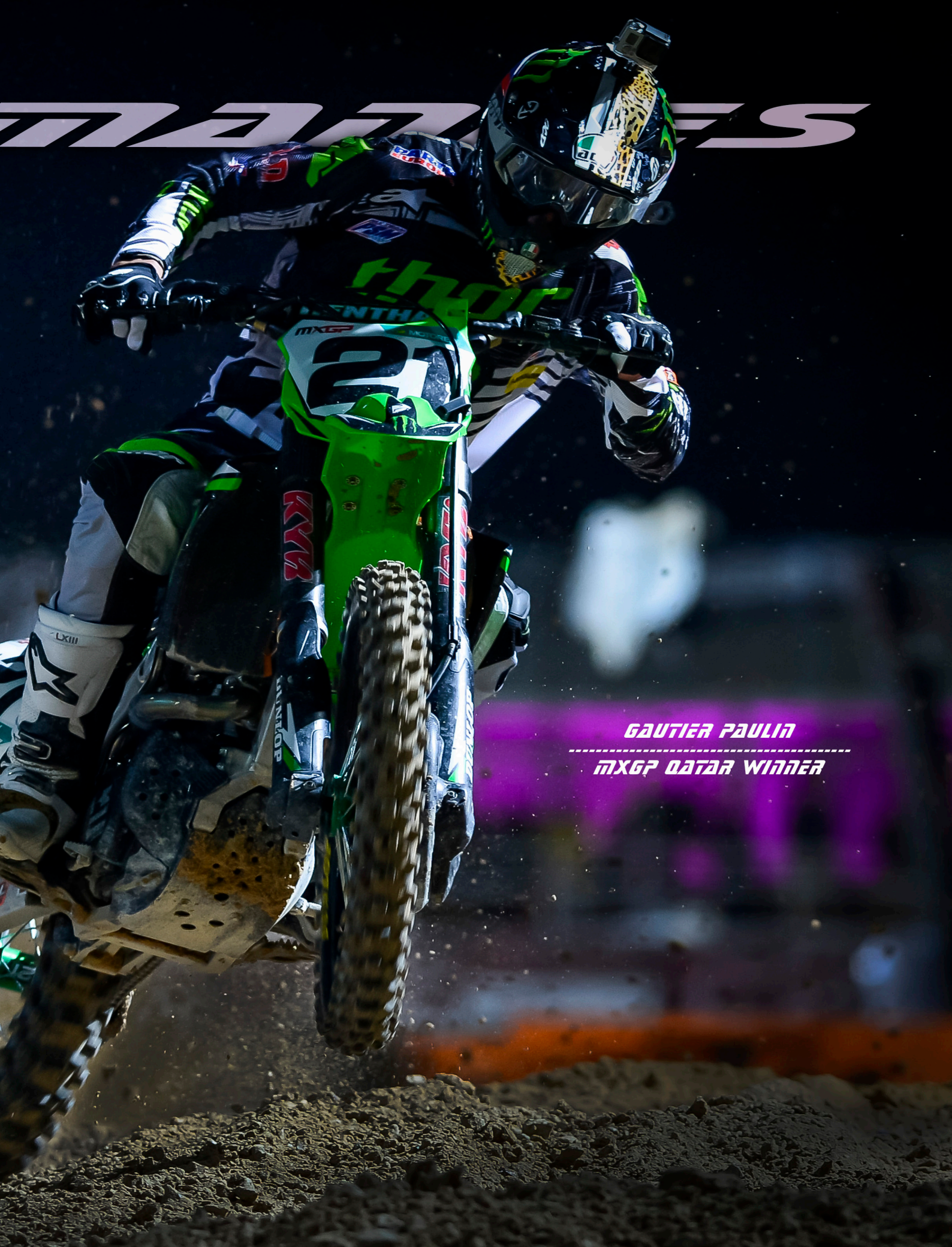
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JOEL ROBERT
A BELGIAN LEGEND

Joel Robert was a legendary Belgian motocross racer of the 1960s and '70s who won the 250cc Motocross World Championship six times, including five consecutive titles from 1968 through 1972. Robert was also significant to American motocross. Not only did he serve as an inspiration to early American motocross racers, but he also raced in the Trans-AMA Series in the U.S., winning seven Trans Am Nationals during the 1970 and 1971 seasons.

Robert was an integral member of the group of European motocross champions who came to U.S. in the late 1960s and early '70s to help launch motocross in America. His presence helped lend credibility to America's first motocross championship.

Born November 26, 1943 in Chatelet, Belgium, Robert grew up in a family of motorcycle racers. His father, Fernan, was a talented speedway rider. His uncle and cousin also raced.

"At my birth my father said, 'We will make a rider out of him,'" Robert said. "At the age of 2 I was able to take a chain off a bike, link by link."

In school, Robert enjoyed other sports such as soccer and basketball, but at 7 he was given his first motorcycle, a Gillet 125, and it would mark the course of his life. "I didn't even reach the footpegs," Robert recalled. "To start or stop I needed a wall or a tree to lean against."

His boyhood heroes were Belgium motocross stars Rene Baeten and Auguste Mingels. Robert began racing in 1960 and within a month of starting his racing career he earned his first victory in an extraordinary way.

"It was at Chimay (Belgium) that I won my first victory," Robert said. "It was the 11th of May, 1960, with my road Zündapp, which was clearly less powerful than the motocross bike of the era. On that day it rained and the ground was distinctly hilly. The rain turned the track into a bog. The race started and three laps later they stopped me and told me I was the winner. I was the only one to climb the slopes. All the others were broken down, clouded in smoke, vainly trying to push their machines. There were no others but me running. My first win was a win by KO (knock out)."

In the early 1960s, Robert began competing in the European 250cc championships. The 250cc series was given world championship status in 1962. He traveled with his parents to many of the races close to Belgium. At other events he would travel with follow racers or journalists, sometimes by train with his bike torn down and checked in as luggage.

His apprenticeship paid off when he earned the 250cc World Championship in 1964, riding a privateer CZ. He was just 20 years old, at the time the youngest rider to win a world motocross title. In 1965, he became a factory CZ rider. For the next three years bad luck, mechanical problems and injuries plagued Robert, yet he managed to finish runner-up in the championship each year.

In 1968, his luck finally turned around and he reclaimed the 250cc world title by two points over Sweden's Torsten Hallman. Robert won the title again in 1969 over fellow Belgium and CZ rider Sylvain Geboers. That year was significant in that Suzuki entered the championship and made a serious bid to match the more established European

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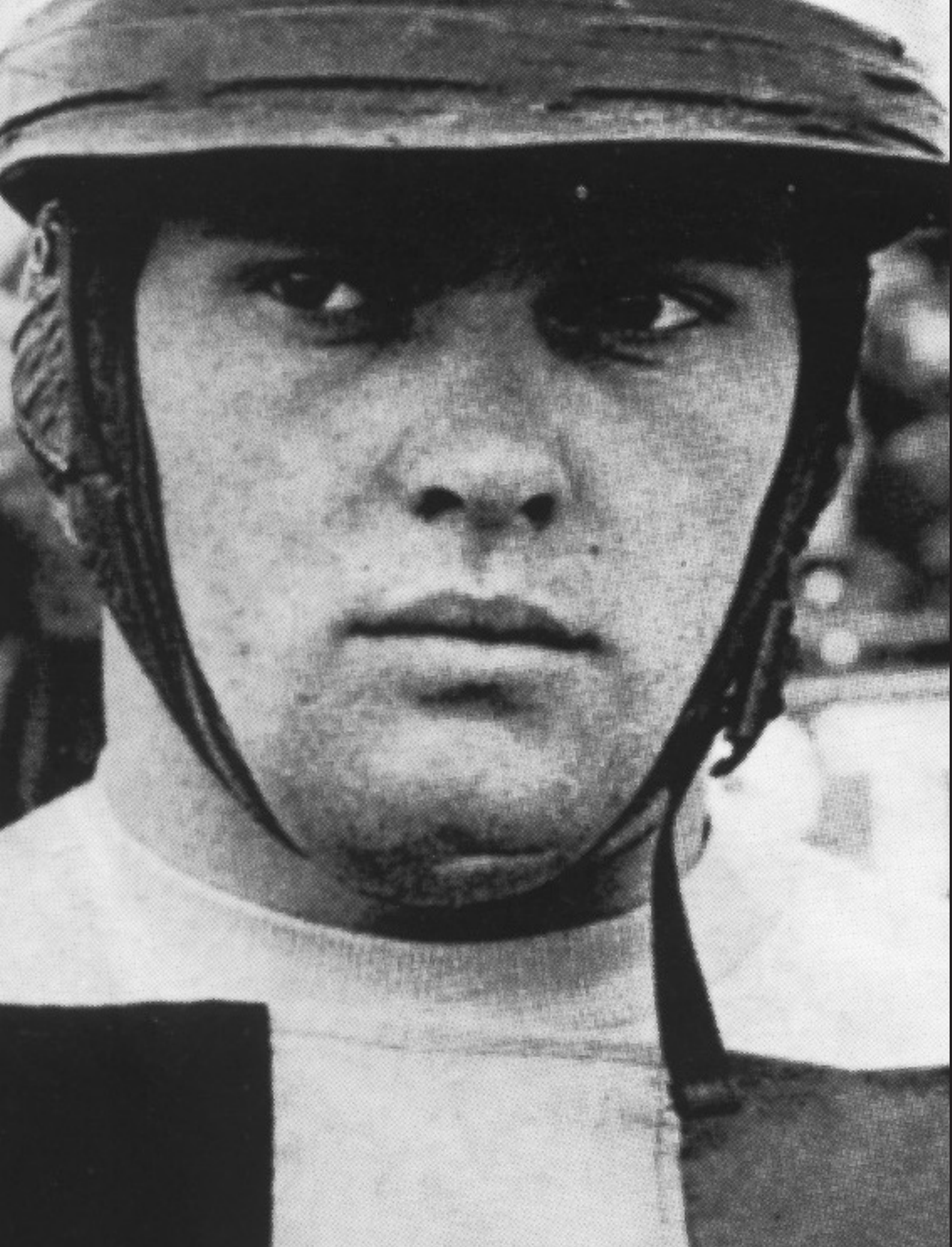

makers. It had finished third with Swede Olle Petterson.

Suzuki came after Robert in the off season. It figured he was the missing piece in trying to solve the world championship puzzle.

"Suzuki offered me more money, but even more important to me was that I could see that they were very well organized," Robert recalled of the Suzuki factory effort. "The bike was also very good. I only had them adjust the footpegs and handlebars. It was very light, very manageable and very solid."

Robert won the 1970 250cc Motocross World Championship on the specially built Suzuki RN250, purported to be worth $20,000. It not only marked Suzuki's first world motocross title, it was also the first for a Japanese manufacturer. He would go on to win the world championship again in 1971 and '72 with Suzuki. Robert became the all-time wins leader in world championship motocross competition. His record of 50 Motocross Grand Prix victories stood for more than 30 years until it was broken by fellow Belgian Stefan Everts in 2004.

Robert began traveling to America in 1967 along with other world championship riders for a series of races against America's top riders.

"It was a marvelous, unforgettable trip," Robert remembers. "We traveled all across America. We raced and put on riding schools. To put us in the American mood we bought some Winchester rifles and cowboy hats. The Americans learned fast, very fast."

When the Trans-AMA Series launched in 1970, Robert was there. He won six straight Trans AMA races in the fall of that year.

Magazine pioneer Joe Parkhurst solicited the help of the visiting European MX stars to lay out a motocross track on his property in Irvine, California. On a fall day in 1967, Roger DeCoster, Dave Bickers, and Robert showed up to help design what would become one of the most famous motocross tracks in America, Saddleback Park.

Robert was also one of the first riders to have replica apparel. Copies of his racing boots were sold in the U.S. under the brand name Full Bore.

Robert is remembered as one of the most naturally talented motocross riders in history. In one of the most physically demanding disciplines in sports, he was notorious for his hard partying lifestyle, lack of training as well as his cigarette smoking. Yet Robert defends himself by pointing out that during his peak he raced some 300 races per year.

"It hardly left a lot of time for training," he said. "Yet I adored those races when the track was sandy, or conditions muddy, where most riders dread."

American rider Jim Pomeroy marveled at Robert's natural strength.

"We were in Finland in 1973," Pomeroy remembered. "We were coming out of the trophy awards and my Spanish mechanic Rubio and American mechanic Arty Beamon were talking, and Marcel Wurtz said, 'See that Volkswagen over there? Joel Robert can lift that up.' I said 'No way!' My mechanics and I made a bet with Joel to see who could lift the car. I tried lifting it and could barely get the springs to lift. Then Arty and me tried it. Then Arty, Rubio and me tried it, and we couldn't get the back wheels of the Volkswagen Bug off the ground. I watched Joel Robert come over and just grab it and lift the whole wheels off the ground and set it down all by himself. That's how strong he was. He never trained, never worked out. How he did it was beyond me. It was just amazing."

When Robert retired, he owned the FIM records for the most world titles, the most world championship wins with 50, the most GP moto wins with 101. Many of his records stood for decades. It was countryman Stefan Everts who final eclipsed many of the marks.

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AWARDS

The 2014 season was one of many great memories. The crowning of Antonio Cairoli for the 8th time in his career and the surprise victory by Jordi Tixier to win the MX2 title from Jeffrey Herlings. It came as little surprise to everyone, but once again Team USA didn't walk away with the MXoN trophy and Ryan Villopoto made the decision to move to Europe to race the GPs in 2015.

Rider of the Year: Antonio Cairoli. There can't be anyone else but Antonio Cairoli. Head and shoulders above his rivals again in 2014. Despite his injury riddled MXoN he was still the man in 2014. Fighting through the pain of the loss of his father and continuing to be so professional and likeable the Italian rider build momentum for his biggest challenge to date, the contest between himself and Villopoto in 2015.

American rider of the Year: Ryan Dungey. Despite his lack of titles in 2014, he proved to be the top American in the 450cc MX class, and was also a top three guy in Supercross. He rode for his country in the MXoN and continues to be the most determined to add to his already impressive list of AMA titles.

International rider of the Year: Ken Roczen. First German to ever win an AMA 450 title and possibly the future of the American scene. He didn't really impress as the season closed down, but was good enough to score the title and add to his MX2 world title and his MXoN victories.

Event of the Year: Maggiora, Italian GP. I know it isn't the MXoN, but this circuit and the atmosphere is just stunning. A massive crowd, good racing and as old school as its gets. While it's a small area and it's going to be jam packed for the MXoN in a few years, the whole place is everything motocross should be.

Surprise of the Year: Jeffrey Herlings not being World champion. It's been the weirdest 12 months in his life, no doubt about it. We all wanted him to

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win the title, but starting and ending the season with major injuries made it very difficult. To think he only lost by a handful of points anyway. Future is bright of the Dutchy, so let us hope 2015 brings him a lot and then 2016 MXGP.

Team of the Year: There can't be any other, Red Bull KTM Factory team. They ruled and are still the biggest influence in the MXGP paddock. They are spending their money on our sport and not just at the highest level, but also in the junior level. No team is even close to the orange army at the moment.

Race Of The Year: MXoN. Another dominant performance by the GP riders really put the AMA riders on their backs. The change of power over the last three years was sudden and clear. Gautier Paulin going 1-1, France winning, only GP riders winning the class overalls. It doesn't get any more clear and in my opinion the domination of the euros in this event will only get stronger.

Life time Achievement award: Sylvain Geboers. Continues to be a complete gentleman and always willing to work for the good of the sport. As a young racer he came close to being a World champion, as an adviser to his younger brother Eric he helped mould a champion and as a team manager of his Rockstar Energy Suzuki Factory team he has given many riders the gold medal in their sport.

Journalist of the Year: A young kiwi girl by the name of Nikki Scott. She works harder than most on a GP weekend as part of the Youthstream crew. Dedicated to making MXGP look better and also a former racer. It's not always easy being 20,000 miles from home, but Scott is living the dream.

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